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them in the pipeline. And this isn't novel. I'm just sitting here with a report that was done by Steve Wiitala for the Omaha Public Schools that looked at what's happening in every state. It's a year old. These are the states that already have some type of loan forgiveness. It may look different. It may be targeted to different areas, but we have something going. We have Arizona, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin; and that was just a quick look at what's gone on. And since that time, there may have been other states who have adopted these types of programs. There's research out there. We'll do research on this. We need to get started. We are not in a position. We're coming out of a hole. We could have started on these issues several years ago, but we weren't ready. Last year we felt we should take some action, and we took action on three bills that became one bill...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...and this is in the law. So let's oppose, vote against this amendment but let's go ahead and start a program, take a look at it, evaluate it, and hopefully begin to address the issue of getting people in the pipeline. You can't grow a teacher overnight. You need...we need to start now to enhance the number of people and help it make it easier for them to get into this profession. So I ask you to oppose the Chambers amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I support Senator Chambers' amendment. This issue presents a bit of a paradox to us. We've heard a little bit of the history of the bill and how this program came into being. It was a bill passed by the Legislature with an A bill. The Governor allows the program in the main to stay in place I suppose with the notion that we would fund it if we ever had the money. Well, think about how much money we had last year when the program wasn't funded, the Governor vetoed the funding. This year when we have \$82 million removed from our estimated revenues, now we're arguing that in a